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FOR NEA/ARN (MARY MAUGHAN)

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO BOEING

1. PLEASE PHONE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO JAMES A. BLUE,
BOEING CORP., SEATTLE (206-773-1905) FROM JOHN FRANK:

2. "YESTERDAY FEBRUARY 11 MECH TECK HOUSE WAS COMPLETELY
SEARCHED BY IRAQI OFFICIALS IN PRESENCE OF ED POWELL.
SEARCH WAS EXTREMELY THOROUGH INCLUDING POCKETS OF
CLOTHING IN CLOSETS. AT SEVEN THAT EVENING SAME THREE
OFFICIALS RETURNED TO HOUSE TO QUESTION SCHUDEL. WHEN HE
RETURNED AT 7:15 THEY INTERROGATED HIM, IN THE COURSE OF
WHICH THEY CONFISCATED HIS RADIO AND TAPE RECORDER. THEY
THEN TOOK HIM TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS FOR FURTHER QUESTIONING.
AFTER ABOUT AN HOUR HE WAS ASKED TO SIGN A STATEMENT IN
ARABIC WHICH WAS ALLEGEDLY A TRANSCRIPT OF HIS ANSWERS.
HE WAS TOLD THAT HE WAS NOT UNDER ARREST BUT ONLY BROUGHT
IN FOR QUESTIONING. HIS TAPE RECORDER WAS RETURNED BUT
HIS RADIO WILL REMAIN IN CUSTODY UNTIL HE LEAVES THE
COUNTRY.

3. "THIS IN AN INTOLERABLE SITUATION. THE MEN WILL BE
CONSTANTLY ON EDGE FROM HERE ON, WONDERING WHEN THE NEXT
KNOCK ON THE DOOR WILL COME. FRANKLY, ALL THE TROOPS WANT
OUT, RIGHT NOW. I AM TOLD THAT THEY WERE LOOKING FOR ME
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LAST NIGHT, BUT I WAS AT MY FRIEND'S PLACE.

4. "SITUATION WAS PRESENTED TO LOWRIE. WE ARE ACTING ON HIS RECOMMENDATION TO STAY COOL BUT LET IRAQI AIRWAYS KNOWN THAT THIS IMPOSES CONSTRAINTS ON OUR ABILITY TO DO THE JOB HERE. WILL AWAIT GUIDANCE AND INSTRUCTIONS. YOU CAN TRANSMIT VIA MARY MAUGHAN, NEA/ARN, DEPARTMENT OF STATE WHO WILL FORWARD THROUGH LOWRIE. J.P. FRANK".
LOWRIE

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED ABOVE ADDRESSEE.

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